

IC 2001-1 TO AFI 11-410, PERSONNEL PARACHUTE OPERATIONS

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★SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This instruction has been revised in part. Revisions consist of changes to Chapter 9, STANDARD MILITARY FREE-FALL PROCEDURES.

★9.1. **General.** This chapter provides specific guidance and procedures for unilateral AF MFF operations. This chapter will be used in conjunction with FM 31-19/AFI 11-411(I) and supplements to this instruction.

★9.2. **Restrictions and Exceptions.** In addition to the exceptions listed in the Chapter 8, the following exceptions are provided for all AF units with parachuting missions:

★9.2.1. **Exit Altitudes and Parachute Activation Altitude.** For MC-4/5 jumps use FM 31-19/AFI 11-411(I). All altitudes are either above ground level (AGL) or above water level (AWL). For all other systems, the minimum exit altitude for routine land and water MFF training and proficiency deployments is 5000'. **Exception: The minimum exit altitude for intentional water jumps and dissimilar parachute training may be reduced to 3000' (clear and pull) IAW MAJCOM mission requirement and after a mature command risk assessment and decision.** The minimum planned activation altitude will not be lower than 3500' for routine land MFF training and proficiency deployments. The minimum planned activation altitude will not be lower than 2500' for routine water and dissimilar parachute training deployments. Parachutists may only conduct one jump operation that involves unpressurized flight above 18,000 per 24 hour period.

★9.2.2. **Altimeters.** Each parachutist will wear an altimeter when conducting free fall operations. **Exception: Does not apply to water jumps until waterproof altimeters are fielded.** Altimeters will have either an integral working light or be configured with an additional light source adequate to light the face of the altimeter.

★9.2.3. **Automatic Activation Device (AAD).** Inspection, arming, calibration and documentation procedures for the AAD are contained in applicable TOs. Each MFF parachutist will be equipped with a functional AAD set according to the applicable TO. The AAD will be armed prior to exit. AADs are not required for the following free-fall operations:

★9.2.3.1. **Intentional water deployments.** This exception is valid until a waterproof AAD is fielded for USAF use.

★9.2.3.2. **Emergency bail-out.**